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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116) AND
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)**

MS AF
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 17, 2006 (Paper No. 0406), for which a response is due on July 17, 2006. A one-month petition for extension of time is filed with this response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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